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**JGFDS-PR-196 FUNDS AWARDED TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS  
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#### **SUPERVISOR AWARDS SEVEN NON-PROFIT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Students will improve their study skills, complete homework assignments, participate in a reading club, and get physically fit thanks to mini-grants awarded to local non-profits that offer after school programs in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

San Bernardino County 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Josie Gonzales awarded \$10,200 this month to seven non-profits that operate after school programs for students in grades K-12. The organizations will use the funds to purchase supplies, educational materials, and physical activity equipment.

“I appreciate the resourcefulness of some of these programs,” said Supervisor Gonzales. “They are offering more than the usual tutoring and homework assistance. These dedicated community leaders are helping our children acquire unique learning and life skills that will help them succeed in life.”

One program receiving funding involves elementary school students in a gardening project that teaches botany and biology. Another program designed for girls, ages 5-15, is using an after school reading club to cultivate the students’ love for reading.

Seven organizations operating in the cities of San Bernardino and Rialto and the unincorporated area of Muscoy received mini-grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500. They are:

- Clare Cherry School in San Bernardino (\$1,000)
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Bernardino in San Bernardino, Delmann Heights, and Rialto (\$2,000)
- The Provisional Accelerated Learning (PAL) in Muscoy (\$2,500)
- St. Bernardine Medical Center Family Focus Center in San Bernardino (\$1,000)
- St. John’s Community Success Center in San Bernardino (\$1,200)
- Temple Community Outreach Center in San Bernardino (\$1,000) and
- Ujima Learning Solutions, Inc. in San Bernardino (\$1,500)

“These funds will be used to buy computers, books, jump ropes, garden tools, sports equipment, art supplies, and other items they need for their programs,” said Gonzales.

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Supervisor Gonzales announced the 2007 “After School Program Mini-Grant Awards” in August. Organizations submitted applications requesting up to \$2,500. The \$10,000 reserved for the program was distributed to qualifying programs on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since 2006 Supervisor Gonzales has given over \$20,000 to local non-profit after school programs serving students in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

*The Fifth District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and the eastern part of the city of Fontana.*

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